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The Promise of Easter

There is a certain quality, vitality and promise characteristic of Easter which distinguishes it from any other part of the year. There is an expectancy in the air which makes one glad to be alive. The whole earth seems to abound with a vibrant joy and the feeling permeates to every living being, which looks expectantly to the promise of better things to come. Just as Christmas marks the fulfilment of a prophecy about the coming of a Redeemer, so Easter is the culmination of a promise that heaven would once more be accessible to man because of a great sacrifice — the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Just as the gloom and cold of winter gives way to the joy and warmth of spring with all of its promise, so the period of Lent with its serious and provoking thoughts on the Passion of Christ gives way to the glory and joy of Easter with its inspiring example of great love and sacrifice for the benefit of all mankind.

During the period of Lent, we let our minds dwell on the serious and spiritual signs of life. As we read about the Passion of Christ and heard about it in sermons at our churches, our hearts were filled with gratitude as we became aware of the humility, suffering and insult which Jesus Christ bore to atone for the sins of mankind in order to open the gates of heaven for us all. As we read and heard about these accounts we were probably filled with shame at the numberless times when we so easily allowed ourselves to stoop to sins. No doubt, we were also filled with humility when we realized how petty some of our grievances are compared to the injustices which Christ suffered for us. We probably resolved that from then on we would strive with all of our powers, to become faithful, practicing Catholics in our thoughts and actions, every day of our lives. However, let us resolve that these promises will be kept and not forgotten with the slightest temptation.

Just as the gloom of the crucifixion was dispelled by the glory of the Resurrection, so let us cast off our mistakes of the past with the promise of leading a better spiritual life in the future.

Just as Easter marks the dawn of a new era for mankind, so should we let it be a turning point in our own lives. We have only one earthly life to live — let's make it a truly rewarding and worthy one. Let's make it one in which the world will see a better place because of our having been in it.

The promise of Easter is an Eternal one. Let's be worthy of it!

Meet Your National Executive

Your National Executive of U.C.Y. was elected at the National Convention in Winnipeg in July, 1956. We are anxious to make our acquaintance with you, to show you that we are not apart from you, but vitally a part of you, and to assure that we are willing to work for the benefit of our organization as a means of spreading Christ's Kingdom on earth. At present, the only practical way of meeting and greeting our fellow members is through the pages of our official publication, YOUTH. Here is a brief outline on the individuals that constitute the National Executive of U.C.Y.

Father Swirsky, a priest of the Basilian Order, is spiritual director not only of the National Executive of U.C.Y., but also of the Eastern Diocesan Executive, and of Obnova in Toronto. Father also keeps busy as a director of the Basilian Press and as a popular Retreat Master.

John Kowalski, National President, is at present studying at the University of Toronto with the hope of obtaining his B.A. this year and taking post-graduate work in Business Administration. According to our President, his interest is "to be active in all ways, shapes, or forms". This he is thus far accomplishing as president of U.C.Y. at St. Basil's the Great Parish, North Toronto, member of the Ukrainian Students' Club of U. of T., and member of Obnova.

Vice-president Bob Yuzwin, is a member and past president of St. Josaphat's Cathedral U.C.Y. Bob earns his bread and butter as a salesman and amuses himself with tra-

velling, swimming and playing football.

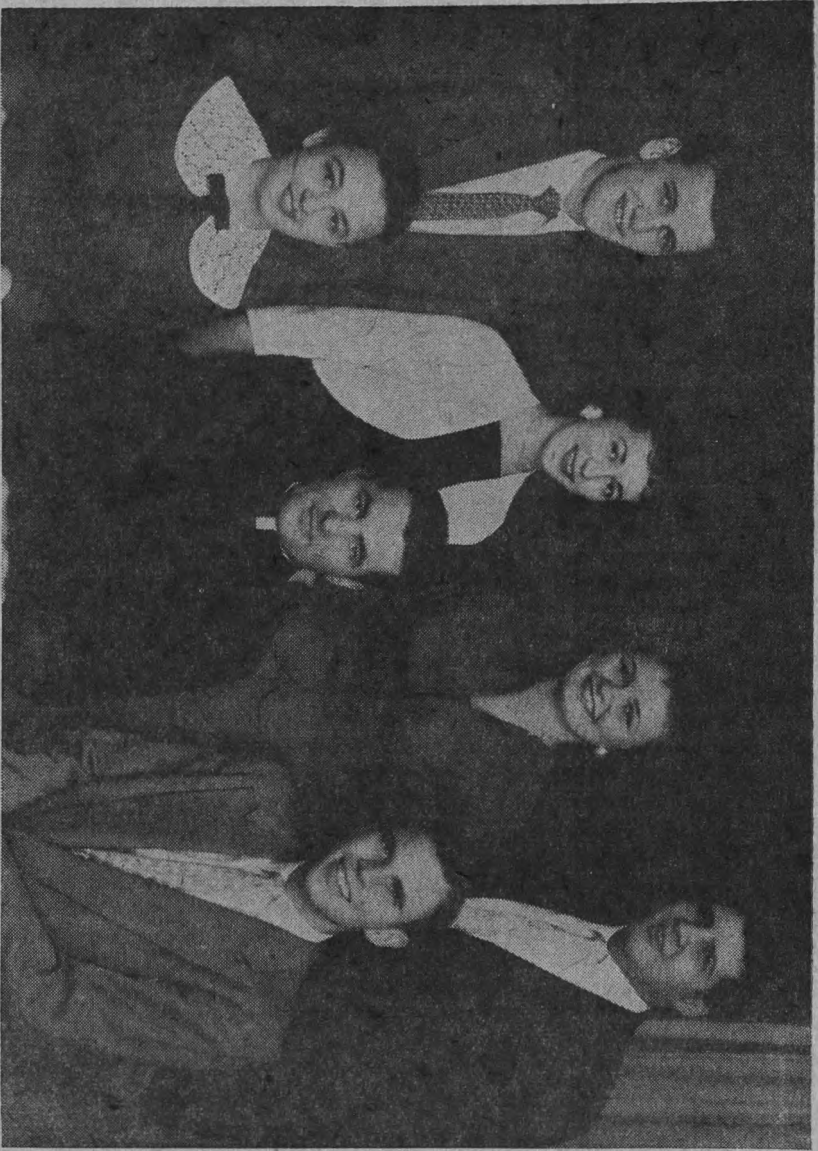
Mary Josephine Trakalo uses her aptitudes as steno for the R.C.M.P., in being a proficient secretary for the executive. Hobbies of this vivacious young lady include reading, crocheting, dancing, drawing, and catching up on her sleep. Mary is a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help U.C.Y., member of the Ukrainian Catholic Women's Retreat Association and secretary-treasurer of the Ukrainian School Executive at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. She is also secretary of the Lay Apostolate Movement, which has recently been organized into the Legion of Mary.

Vernice Chuchmuch has bowed out with honorable discharge from the ranks of the executive to be married. She is a member of the U.C.Y. at St. Josaphat's. We would like to thank you, Vernice, for your efforts on behalf of the U.C.Y. and wish you God's blessing in your chosen state of life.

Mary Wons has been promoted from Fifth Member to the position of Treasurer. Mary is completing her Junior Matriculation at St. Joseph's College this year with the intention of becoming a nurse. North Toronto U.C.Y. claims Mary as a member and Mary claims that sports is her main recreational activity.

Nadia Boruch has recently been appointed as Fifth Member. She was a member of U.C.Y. in Sudbury, and a student at Mount Mary Immaculate Academy, where she took active part in all student activities. Temporarily, she is a medical secre-

U. C. Y. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE



Front Row, left to right: Secretary, Miss Mary Josephine Trakalo; Spiritual Director, Reverend Father N. Swirsky, O.S.B.M.; President, Mr. John Kowalski. Back Row, left to right: Publicity Officer, Mr. Gerald Wasyluk; treasurer, (resigned), Miss Vernire Chuchmuck; Fifth Member, now the treasurer, Miss Mary Wons; Vice-President, Mr. Robert Yuzwin. Attention: Miss Nadia-Bo-ruch, the new Fifth Member is not included.

tary with indefinite plans for the future. She is a member of the Legion of Mary, Sodality of Our Lady, Obnova and U.C.Y. Reading, music, concerts and the theatre compose the bulk of her hours of relaxation.

Another member of the executive, Jerry Wasylyk, gets an opportunity to co-ordinate his daily and executive duties. Our publicity officer works for an advertising firm. This member of the St. Josephat's U.C.Y. takes interest in organizing hockey for boys of school age.

These are the people that are your National Executive; these are the people that want to be given the opportunity to work with you, for you, and for Christ. We have recently sent a letter to all members encouraging participation in the Lay Apostolate Movement and closed retreats along with the "Way of the Cross" and a questionnaire on the

praying habits of our individual members. Please complete the questionnaire sincerely and return it. By such a survey we hope to sound out our weaknesses and present some positive plan by which members can aid each other in personal sanctification. Our organization shall be strong, but only when its individual members are strong.

We appeal to you for your prayers. We sincerely hope that those reading our petition will not just think, "What a noble thought", and do nothing more about it. Humbly, we admit that we can do nothing of ourselves. Only if God chooses to use us as instruments to further His work, will we undoubtedly succeed. For such a privilege we must all pray individually and together, because in Christ's own words: "Ask and you shall receive".

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Good Reading A Remedy For Modern Ills

By Rev. P. Maluga, C.Ss.R.

When we glance at the world today, we can see that there is great corruption in the daily lives of the people. There are innumerable people who live in sin and have neither fear nor dread of its evil consequences. What is the cause of this moral bankruptcy?

First of all it is the scandal or bad example which we see or hear daily. There is nothing which makes more impression on a person's mind and weakens his will power causing him to fall sooner into sin than bad example. Bad example has such power over man that it is almost impossible to live and asso-

ciate with the wicked and still remain good.

Another reason for the moral corruption in the world today is the press, or rather the abuse of the press. The Catholic Church is surrounded by all kinds of enemies. Among the worse of them are those who write, publish or spread bad books. Nobody does more harm to our religion than those who spread bad literature. It is inconceivable what evil they bring to the Church. Every day more and more bad literature comes into circulation.

If associating with perverse people and listening to bad conversations

make such impressions and have such deplorable results, the reading of bad newspapers has results still more deplorable and perverts the mind still more. For to read such papers is associating likewise with perverse people who, from their rooms and offices, speak to their readers, revealing to them their immoral and irreligious sentiments and thus seduce them in a way which has a greater influence than private conversation.

Today the press has become one of the most important factors of forming the mentality of the people, because it conveys a large variety of news and views from all classes of people. Take for example any daily paper — in it you will find world news, social news, entertainment, editorials, comics, sports, finance, stock exchange, deaths, funerals and finally several extra pages of advertisements which constantly keep the silver rolling.

Daily papers and monthly magazines are full of advertisements. They make up a good part of the paper. Today everything is advertised. The reader looks them over and they stir up his appetite for material goods and also excite ambition to make more money to obtain them. Thus human life becomes concentrated on money, amusements and comforts. That is why many lose respect and taste for spiritual things and esteem only sensible things they can obtain for money.

Printing today is one of the largest money-making enterprises in the world of business. The appearance of a daily newspaper in the home is as common as the appearance of chesterfields, lamps and radios. What home, Christian or not, does

not have its share of weekly or monthly magazines? Observe the number of comic books for instance which clutter up our newstands and lie in heaps in the kiddies' rooms. Take a glance at the newsstands in your community. On its shelves you are bound to find all kinds of magazines, detective stories, love stories, which treat about crime and immorality from cover to cover. Eventually these magazines are purchased by curious customers, read by them and then exchanged or passed on to others.

Very often these secular magazines and newspapers excite sensuality in their readers by indecent articles or pictures. If the sensual instinct is daily fed by obscene pictures, mad stories, it arouses greater curiosity, increases the human passions which often lead to serious sins. St. Basil remarks that a book or writing is the food of the soul, just as bread is the food of the body. As food passes into the body and assimilates with it, so do the contents of a book which is read. If the article is good, that is, if it contains or follows the moral law, then it builds the character of the reader. If it contains pernicious and immoral subject matter, then it ruins the human character. It fills the mind and heart with evil thoughts and sentiments which eventually drag the person into sin.

How did France, once a strong Catholic country, fall so low? Nothing else but the writings or books of wicked minded writers like Voltaire, Diderot, Rousseau, were offered to read to the people everyday. It has been remarked that the books of Voltaire have ruined more souls than there are letters

contained in his volumes. Just reflect on the sad consequences of the French Revolution! That goes to show what bad literature can do to a nation. The same goes for everybody who enjoys reading such books and magazines.

When we consider the tremendous influence wielded through the printed word, we can easily see why St. Pope Pius X said, "In vain you will build churches, give missions, found schools; all your efforts will be destroyed if you cannot wield the defensive and offensive weapon of a loyal and sincere Catholic press." Here we can see why the Catholic press is so important. It is one of the most effective means of defending the Catholic Church and also defending its doctrines and laws.

What do you find in most of the bad newspapers or books? In them you can find articles and chapters on subject matter opposed to religion and morals; those which dispute the truths of religion, disown the authority of the Catholic Church, ridicule the Pope, bishops and priests. You will often find articles which laugh at the devotions and pious practices of the Catholics; articles

which make men believe that it is in vice or sin that they have to seek or find their happiness on earth. How much time is wasted in reading those books? How much money is spent on buying those books, etc.? And what good do you get out of it? Only a moral bankruptcy.

It is obvious now why the Catholic Church from her beginning till the present day has been so careful about choosing decent reading material for her faithful and has even given a prohibition to read any books or newspapers opposed to the teachings of faith or morals. During apostolic times all unlawful writings were to be destroyed. The Church forbids the printing or publishing of anything without the previous approval of the bishop, and that under pain or great punishment. The same penalty goes for reading books and writings contrary to religion and morals.

Therefore always choose for yourself and recommend to others only the best reading material. If you observe this golden rule you shall be much happier yourself and will help to make this world a happier place to live in.

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Frankly Speaking

The time has come for a show-down — for a frank and honest expression of facts and opinions. The bare, stark and humiliating fact is that the YOUTH is not receiving the support of the majority of the U.C.Y. members in Canada. We could be even more specific than that and state that it is receiving less than 10 per cent of the support

of U.C.Y. members. What we want to know is, WHY? The U.C.Y. constitution states very clearly that every local must collect one dollar from every member as a subscription to the YOUTH. Why is this NOT being done? What excuse have the locals got? The old one about the irregularity of publication is not acceptable. This is the sixteenth

consecutive issue of YOUTH.

In the February issue of YOUTH we inserted an editorial, "The Challenge" which, we hoped, would encourage many of our members and locals to rally to our aid. It seems that very few persons read that article, as the results were very disappointing. Obviously, very few readers seem to take pride in the fact that this is a national magazine for a national organization, at least theoretically. We should mention here that one city, Hamilton, came to our aid. Although we have very few subscribers there, each of them sent us a two-dollar donation to the Press Fund. Isn't there anyone else who feels as loyal to the YOUTH as they do?

What forces are at work to keep the YOUTH from becoming the success it should be, especially after all the efforts put into it within the past sixteen months? If we knew what we were up against, it might help us to try another approach. We are much in the same position as that of a person trying to guard himself and others from an unknown enemy. Such a situation is all the more horrible and frustrating because of the fact there is nothing specific to guard against. Wouldn't you admit that we're in much the same position, especially after solving the problem of irregular publication?

Now, let's consider some of the possible reasons for the poor support which the YOUTH is receiving and see if there is any real justification for any of them. Is it because of jealousy, indifference, slothfulness, deliberate neglect or lack of national feeling?

Jealousy seems to be one of the

major reasons why Ukrainians never achieve anything on a national scale. Anytime one section of the country achieves a measure of success in one field, our people in the rest of the land, instead of putting their wholehearted support behind the venture, refuse to consider that as a milestone for their ethnic group and begin competitive enterprises. This is especially true in the publishing field. The YOUTH is now being published in Edmonton. Do other centres across Canada refuse to support it because it isn't printed in Saskatoon or Winnipeg or Toronto? If this is the reason, how childish can we get? What difference does it make where it is published? The important thing is to see that it continues to appear regularly.

What about indifference? Is this the attitude many U.C.Y. members and locals have adopted? Do they say, "What difference does it make whether the YOUTH is published or not?" Maybe their attitude is, "Why should we exert ourselves? Let someone else do it!" How can anything be achieved if we keep passing the buck or just not caring. If everyone took the attitude of letting another person help, who would be left to accomplish anything. An indifferent club or member has about as much spunk or backbone as a tiny sapling which sways with the slightest breeze, always at the mercy of the elements.

No doubt many of you have heard about the sloth, the slowest and laziest animal in the world — one which seldom moves more than a few feet a day. If many of our members and locals are in this category, we are indeed in dire trouble.

A member might say, "One of these days I'll renew my subscription to YOUTH", or "Maybe I'll ask my friends to subscribe," or a dozen other such ideas. A local might say, "Maybe we should sponsor something for the YOUTH Press Fund", or "We should try to have a subscription drive," or numerous other vague suggestions of help. Having the thoughts certainly helps, but what good will result if there is no action. It's much the same as a student who says that one of these days he's really going to study. Before he does, final exams come and he flunks miserably. So it is with your attitude. If you have ideas of helping us sometime in the distant or hazy future, what good will it do us now, when we need help most. We have publication costs to meet. How are we going to do that without your support? Let's throw off some of the slothfulness and become live-wires for a change.

Maybe the YOUTH is being deliberately neglected by many members and locals across Canada. Frankly, the writer thinks this is one of the major reasons keeping us back. Let's look at some facts first. When we resumed publication sixteen months ago, we had many people on our mailing lists, whose subscriptions were overdue. Nevertheless, because of the fact that the YOUTH had not appeared too regularly before, we continued sending this magazine to all people on our lists for fourteen months. Since many did not renew, we were forced to drop their names. As a result, since January of this year, we have had to omit over six hundred names from the mailing list. Don't you think we are being de-

liberately neglected if persons don't renew after getting so many copies? However, this is only half the story. Just think of how many U.C.Y. locals there must be in Canada, and then consider how few locals send in reports to the YOUTH. Not only don't we get write-ups, but we also fail to get their support regarding subscribers to YOUTH. Why is this magazine so deliberately neglected by most of our U.C.Y. locals? We realize we're not doing a perfect job and that many of you might want to have other varieties of articles. However, as we have mentioned so often before, we are always open to suggestion. This is the only Ukrainian Catholic Youth magazine in Canada. Why shouldn't we give it our whole-hearted support?

Another major reason why the YOUTH may be receiving so little support is because the majority of our members and locals haven't learned to consider themselves as part of a national organization, and to take pride in this fact. Many of our locals have become self-centered, independent clubs with little or no interest in the progress of the U.C.Y. as a Dominion organization. This is where we're making our biggest mistake — one which will always keep us back as a third-rate entity. Every U.C.Y. club has, of necessity, certain local matters for which it is responsible, but it's about time each club began to consider itself as part of something bigger and more important. This is where the YOUTH comes in. Without it, we can never become an important national organization. As this magazine continues to receive more support, it will help to weld

all of our locals into a powerful and unified force. If the YOUTH fails because of lack of support, we might as well forget such a thing as a National U.C.Y. and go back to our small, limited horizons and our petty bickerings and quarrels and never amount to anything. If every local took this matter seriously, it would make it part of each year's activities to sponsor some event for the YOUTH Press Fund. If money and energy can be found in a U.C.Y. club for dances, parties, outings, bowling clubs and banquets and other forms of amusement entailing expense, why is it so extremely difficult for a local to do something for the YOUTH, which will have a more lasting effect than an evening's pleasure? The amount need not be large, but it would certainly help. Let's do something really constructive and beneficial for a change.

We've listed several reasons why the YOUTH is not receiving the support it should. If you can think of others, we'll be glad to hear about them.

We have presented our views and given you some revealing facts which certainly haven't been very

complimentary. We realize though, that most of you who are reading this, are interested in the welfare of the YOUTH because your subscriptions are mostly up - to - date. That is why we urge you to pass this article on to others and especially to discuss it at your next U.C.Y. meeting.

However, the fact remains that the YOUTH needs help. That is where we are counting on your help as well as that of your local. The YOUTH is going to continue publication, but, unless conditions change for the better, it will have to be reduced to eight pages. Surely you don't want this to happen. We should be constantly striving to increase the size of our publication, not reduce it. If you enjoy reading the YOUTH, do all you can to help put it on a sound financial basis. Let's have a magazine we can all be proud of. Let's show everyone what U.C.Y. members and locals can do on a national scale. This is a direct challenge to everyone of us. Are we going to sit back and think someone else is going to help, or are we going to pitch right in and co-operate like we should have been doing for such a long time?

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Ukrainian Easter Rites

Easter is celebrated among the Ukrainians with ritual ceremonies peculiar to this nation. The day calling to remembrance Christ's Resurrection corresponds to the Jewish Passover, a feast commemorating the time when God, smiting the first-born of the Egyptians, passed over the houses of the Israelites, and

thus forced the Egyptians to liberate the enthralled Jews.

Since the Passover was only a symbol of our redemption through the ignominious death of Christ, our Easter is the completion of His Sacrifice, and therefore sheds upon us joy and revives in us strong hopes of our future resurrection.

And thus the joyful ringing of the bells, wherein the children prove themselves to be masters of this craft, the glimmering vestments which the priest dons for the service, the profuse illumination of the church and joyful Easter songs which attune themselves so pleasantly to our ears and transport thoughts on the wings of their melody to their celestial realms, and many other things which keep up the high spirits, which is the keynote that characterizes our feelings during the Easter time — all these combine to effect the great joy in the hearts of all the wayfaring Christians in this terrestrial pilgrimage.

The Easter services are commenced with a procession about the church. The priest, carrying the Blessed Sacrament, is accompanied by the people. They chant Easter canticles as they proceed slowly along, and the pealing of the church bells carry far abroad the joyful news. After the procession thrice about, the priest opens the door of the church with a cross. This opening signifies that Christ has opened heaven for us by purchasing with His death the liberty of mankind.

The rectangular piece of cloth trimmed with a golden fringe which bears upon itself the paintings of the Apostles, the Blessed Virgin, and the dead body of Christ, which was carried along during the procession, is now laid upon the altar, and stays there until Ascension Day.

During the Mass, a loaf of bread, mantled in a white cloth and bearing on top a large metal disc representing resurrected Jesus is placed upon the altar, recalling the memories of the time when the Apos-

tles placed a loaf of bread on the dining table and reserved a vacant chair for Jesus, who used to appear and dine with them after His Resurrection.

During the Mass the Gospel is read in different languages, i.e. in the vernacular, Greek, Latin, Slavonic and others, in order that all present might hear the joyful tidings of the Victory of Truth over Evil.

The blessing of diverse kinds of victuals which the people bring about as they come for the Easter services, has its attractive charm and significance. They arrange themselves, while the priest walks around and blesses each basket separately making implications to God, imploring Him to come down with His blessings wherein the people might find strength to wage war against evil, to ward off sickness, temptations, etc. A week after Easter the people visit the cemetery and offer prayers on behalf of those who have passed away. This tradition is praiseworthy, because it reveals that the people wish to share their joy with those whom they once loved.

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OUR SINCERE THANKS

ТАЙНИ УСПІШНОГО ЖИТТЯ

Многі є речі, що роблять життя не тільки щасливим, але й корисним так нам самим як і другим. Велику роль у цім відіграє наша релігія. Однак на цім місці вичислимо кілька чисто людських, природних чинників, що нашому життю надають великого значення.

1. Перша конечна річ до корисного і вдатного життя є чесність збудована на вірі в Бога, бо на чім іншій її сильно покласти не можливо: завалиться.

2. Друга річ: все своє життя належати до доброї організації і бути її дійсним членом, що сповняє свої обов'язки. Хто навіть дуже здібний, без організації багато не зробить. Належати до й працювати в організації — це річ природна людині. Хто здібний, той тільки в організації використає свої талани, а хто не має особливих дарів природних, той в організації може легко виробитися. Саме точне виповнення тих обов'язків, ходження на збори, плачення членських вкладок стягає на нього увагу всіх і здобуває йому добру оцінку. З таким всі числяться.

3. Треба завжди бути веселим. Похмурого, сумного, ніхто не любить. Його уникають, бо він всім веселим затроє життя. Невеселий тільки з великим трудом знаходить для себе заняття, скоро його тратить, бо сумного ніхто не хоче довго мати в своїм товаристві. Хоч може бути сумне оточення, то однак смутком годі його направити. Можна хіба зробити його ще гіршим. Журба нікому ще не допомогла, тож краще з погідним лишем братися до праці.

4. Незвичайно важною річчю є теж бути чистим. Цілий зверхний ви-

гляд — волосся, лице, убрання — все повинно бути приличним. Неувага під цим одним зглядом є завжди великою перешкодою до успішного життя, бо такі люди ніколи не матимуть поваги між тими, що з ними пристають.

5. Знати не тільки рідну, але й чужі мови і кожного дня в них виправлятися. В противному розі їх поволі забувається і через це багато тратиться.

6. Також треба багато читати. Але не читати щобудь, без розбору. Матеріал до читання треба уважно вибирати. І навіть вибрані книжки повинно читати із застановою, порівнювати прочитане з іншим нашим знанням. Важним і дуже корисним є мати під руками якнайновіші видання, бо тоді ідеться в парі з духом часу.

7. Бути чемним особливо для жінок і старших людей. Нечемні траплять дуже багато, а на чемності ще ніхто не втратив. Чемність приєднує приятелів, нечемність їх відпихає.

8. Добре розуміти вартість гроша і вміти його шанувати. Гріш не є щось найважніше. Мильне поняття про гріш доводить до скупства, неправди, облуди, зависти і взагалі нищить характер людини. А якже ж може особа аї зіпсутим характером бути щасливою?

9. Якнайкраще знати своє заняття-роботу. Хто не певний у своїй роботі, хто не любить свого заняття, хто не представляє собі його як річ взнеслу, вартісну й корисну загальному, для того його праця буде сухим обов'язком, неволею. І послідовно, коли він її так відбуває, щоби тільки збутися, то не великий хосен буде з неї. Своє заняття треба лю-

бити, студіювати, вправлятися в нім. Лиш тоді можна сподіватися успіху.

10. Ніколи нікому не шкодити, а помагати всім, що нашої помочі потребують. Через невлячність одних не відвертатися від других. У всім заховати рівновагу духа, бути второпним, справедливим і спокійним

Пам'ятати завжди, що тільки дорога чесноти веде до добра.

Цими десятима прикметами повинні стратися відзначитися всі члени УКіО, бо вони становлять одиноку запоруку не тільки щасливого, але й успішною житт як власного так і загального.

The Road Back

Part 4

As Barbara began to regain consciousness, she became aware of a throbbing pain in her head and it seemed as if she was powerless to move. For a moment her mind was blank and she didn't remember a thing. Then frightfully, reality brought back the horrible predicament, and Barbara opened her mouth as if to scream but no sound came.

As her mind became clearer, Barbara sensed something was wrong—everything was so strangely quiet—there was usually more noise and activity after an accident. The silence around her was punctuated by the quiet tread of people, by the whispered snatches of talk, and by an occasional sobbing.

With great effort, Barbara opened her eyes, but closed them again, because of the unaccustomed brilliance. Slowly she tried again and the first thing she noticed was the crucifix on the wall directly opposite. Then she turned her head slightly and noticed that her mother was sitting anxiously by her bed. As Barbara stirred, Mrs. Kalinsky bent over her and Barbara became aware of her mother's tired and tear-stained face looking lov-

ingly at her. There was no sign of anger or reproach, just forgiveness and hope. Barbara wanted to say something, to let her mother know that everything was going to be all right, but the words just wouldn't come.

Just then a nurse came in and greeted Barbara cheerfully, when she saw that she had regained consciousness. Barbara tried to speak, but she felt so weak that she began to doze off. Vaguely she could hear the nurse reassuring her mother that the crisis had passed and that she would recover rapidly.

As Barbara slowly regained her strength in the days that followed, she was gradually able to find out what had happened during the accident. Apparently, she had suffered most, a concussion which had kept her unconscious for almost three days. Jim had suffered a broken arm and bruised chest. The other four persons who had been in the car with them, had been released after treatment for shock and bruises.

Barbara's mother and father visited her daily and although they never reprimanded her for the predicament in which she had put herself,

she sensed how deeply hurt they must be, because of what had happened. Barbara realized now how right her parents had been when they had warned her about the company she had been keeping. Inwardly, Barbara resolved that, in the future, she would be a much better daughter to them.

Any ideas Barbara may have had about really caring for Jim were completely dispelled after his one and only visit while she was in the hospital. He looked more subdued than she had ever seen him and his movements seemed awkward, especially with his arm in a cast. His side-burns and long unruly hair were the only familiar features about him. Although his visit was brief, it was one of the most awkward and painful intervals Barbara had ever experienced. In addition, it was also a very revealing one.

The ironic part of the situation was that neither of them had anything really worthwhile to talk about, and the visit was marked by long silences interspersed with feeble attempts at conversation. Barbara realized with a jolt that Jim was common and crude in many of the things he said. Away from the dark, sinister intimacy of parked cars, or the clinched closeness of dances or parties, or the suggestive looks and words, Barbara was seeing Jim in a new light. She shuddered inwardly at the fact that she had committed so many sins of impurity with such a shallow individual. If only she hadn't been so blind to the error of her ways and listened to her mother's advice about the company she had kept.

Barbara breathed a sigh of relief when Jim left, and hoped that he wouldn't be back to see her again. The less she saw of Jim from then on, the happier she would be.

The weeks Barbara spent in the hospital were ones in which she had time to do a great deal of thinking and she got a new perspective on life. Father Theodore was a tremendous help and brought Barbara many books and pamphlets on pertinent problems facing young boys and girls in their teens. Often, as she read the accounts of what the attitude of the church was towards boy-girl relationships, she felt a sickening sensation as she recalled how many times she had been doing precisely what had been forbidden. She thanked God over and over again for having opened her eyes to the truth before she had wrecked her young life entirely.

The doctor had promised that Barbara would be home in time for Easter and she was full of anticipation for that glorious moment.

Barbara dreaded the thought of going back to school again and facing her old gang. With only a couple of months left before the term was over, it was hardly worthwhile changing to a Separate school for such a short time. She realized that she wouldn't have a very easy time, especially if she remained firm in the resolutions she had made during her convalescence.

(to be concluded)

Stern Parent: "Young man, can you support a family?"

Timid Suitor: "But I wanted only Agnes, Sir."

Dauphin U. C. Y.

What better way could you start a Lenten season than with a Communion Breakfast? March 2 and 3 were days of outstanding accomplishments for the Dauphin and surrounding U.C.Y. Clubs. We had the honor of being hosts to a part of the Provincial Executive (U.C.Y.), who were: Vera Zarowsky, president; Julie Kowbel, corresponding secretary; Angela Shpur, fifth member.

The two-day visit began with a social evening on Saturday night, Confession and Communion breakfast on Sunday morning, and highlighted by a meeting in the afternoon. Many interesting views were expressed at this meeting. During the afternoon session our Provincial President, Vera Zarowsky, outlined the basic fundamentals of how a youth club could operate. They are:

1. The meeting should consist of prayer, minutes, business, spiritual, social and cultural knowledge. A long range plan is best. The executive should prepare the meeting so that it will be a success.

2. Co-operation among locals is

important. The best way for this co-operation is working with other locals in their own region through a regional convention and a diocesan convention.

3. The main drawback against members not joining the youth club is: if the meeting happens to drag on and on and the business part is the main part and is too long, the members cannot be expected to come again. Have interesting meetings by the executive arranging the items for the meeting beforehand.

On March 25, a concert in honor of Taras Shevchanko, was put on in the parish hall, by the U.C.Y. of Dauphin. Through Ukrainian poems, songs and plays, the name of Taras Shevchanko ranked as the greatest poet of all times in the minds of our parishioners. The Youth, although they had not come from the Ukraine, tried to bring back the memories of the Ukraine to their forefathers.

The month was a most enjoyable one through the meeting of our Provincial Executive and through the contributions of our members' time to the making of an outstanding concert.

A Visit To The Star of The North

March 15 to 17 was perhaps one of the most spiritually wonderful and cherished week-ends spent by a number of girls from St. Josaphat's U.C.Y. That was the week-end that the girls made a closed retreat at the Star of the North Retreat House in St. Albert, under the sagacious direction of Rev. Father Vladimir Shewchuk, O.S.B.M.

Star of the North Retreat House makes one feel completely at home, yet transmits as much spiritually as is possible. The rooms are modern and are adequately furnished to suit everyone's comfort.

Silence is the rule from Friday evening to Sunday night. The schedule followed was well balanced and allowed time for personal re-

flection, reading and praying. The first day began at 6:30 a.m. with Mass at 7:30 a.m., followed by conferences. The Sisters spared no effort to make dinner, the big meal of the day, wholesome and very tasty. A tape recording on the life of Brother Anthony Kowalczyk, Oblate of Mary Immaculate, was played during the meals. During the afternoon there was time for a rest period, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, conferences and "Life Worth Living", with Bishop Sheen on TV. After supper conference, Benediction, confessions and prayer were on schedule.

Sunday followed much the same timetable with a Group Holy Communion at Mass. One of the highlights of the retreat on Sunday was being able to enjoy our own St. Josaphat's choir sing at Mass, which was celebrated two weeks earlier

when Arch-Bishop Buchka visited our parish and which was broadcast over the radio. Another highlight was the tour of the shrines and graveyard.

As St. Albert was the base of the West's great missionaries who ministered to the Indians and early settlers, it has great historical significance. Various questions from the Question Box were also answered on Sunday afternoon.

The very fast moving but quiet two days ended with supper on Sunday evening. With refreshed souls and minds, and a better understanding of the spiritual facts of life that will help us enjoy more by learning how God wants us to live, we finally said good-bye to Star of the North with the promise to return again the following year.

Submitted by Ruth Hrychan.

Winnipeg, Closed Retreat for Girls

Each year the Winnipeg Regional U.C.Y., whose spiritual director is Father J. Denischuk, C.Ss.R., sponsors closed retreats for both boys and girls. This year the retreat for the Ukrainian Catholics has progressed one step further. Unlike the previous years, it was held in the Holy Family Home, the home of the senior Ukrainian citizens of Canada which will open in the near future, under the direction of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate.

The women and girls made their retreat during the week-end of Mar. 9 and 10. The retreat masters were Father J. Fornalchuk, pastor of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Winnipeg, and Father J. Dybka, C.-

Ss.R., professor at St. Vladimir's College in Roblin, Man. Also, the Sisters took time out of their busy schedule and helped with the retreat in every way possible. The highlight of this retreat was an address by His Grace Archbishop Metropolitan Maxime Hermaniuk, who stressed the importance of the role of the Ukrainian Catholic woman in the modern world.

A group picture was taken to preserve the memories of this retreat. At the close, one of the participants thanked the retreat masters for their excellent guidance and the Sisters for their generous support.

Catherine Kowbel

Mundare U.C.Y.

The Mundare U.C.Y. held its elections on Oct. 19 in the Mundare National Hall. Elected to the executive were the following: president, Ann Kostiuk; vice-president, Bernice Kozak; secretary Kay Atamanchuk; treasurer, Ann Bilyk; fifth member, Lillian Woychysyn; press correspondent, Adeline Hewko; circulating manager; Adolph Nay. A sports committee was chosen, consisting of Lawrence Filewich, Bennie Kozak, Ladide Siracky and Betty Lou Slepanski.

We decided to hold our meetings once every two weeks at eight o'clock, culminating with a social evening.

The club's first function of the year was a tea and raffle, held on Nov. 24, from which proceeds were to help finance our annual New Year's Day visit to the Aberhart Sanatorium in Edmonton. The U.C.Y. sponsored an amateur night on Dec. 14, which was well attended and enjoyed by the whole parish.

During the Christmas season, all members gathered and carried out the traditional carolling throughout Mundare and district.

On New Year's Day, about 35 U.C.Y. members, arms loaded with presents and hearts full of best wishes, visited all the T.B. patients in the Aberhart Sanatorium in Edmonton. It was indeed gratifying to see the smiling, happy faces of those who are much less fortunate than ourselves. We sang Christmas carols in Ukrainian to which all patients in the hospital were able to listen.

In February we sponsored a Valentine's dance, which was fairly well attended by everyone.

During the last few meetings, definite plans were set for our annual Drama Festival which will be held before Easter.

During the first four weeks of Lent, we are sponsoring bingo in the Mundare National Hall.

It was decided at our last meeting that the Mundare U.C.Y. donate \$25 to the Press Fund for our Youth Magazine.

ADELINE HEWKO,
Press-Correspondent

Thorsby U.C.Y.

The Thorsby branch of the U.C.Y. O. held its first meeting in December, thus beginning a new club.

Present at the opening meeting were 14 members including Father Lysak. Father briefed us on the purpose why clubs are organized and what is to be accomplished within the club, as well as how it is to be run. Father then answered the many questions that were asked him by all the members. Before further discussion was to be held, it was decided to elect a slate of officers. Here are the results:

President, Harry Pihonski; vice-president, Larry Verhun; secretary-Treasurer Joyce Verhun; fifth member, Allen Senio; press correspondent, Harry Pihonsky.

Father Lysak further discussed ways of raising money, practical hints on keeping the club interesting during meetings, also types of entertainment that should be undertaken within the club. The purpose

of the above is to hold the interest of the members and keep the club strong.

Since our first meeting, great strides forward have been made, thanks to Father Lysak. Our membership has practically doubled, and there are bright prospects for the future in all respects.

Harry Pihonsky.

U.C.Y. Rally

On January 20 last, we, the Thorsby U.C.Y.O., were proud to be the guests of the Chipman U.C.Y. at Chipman. Also present, I might mention, were U.C.Y. members from Calmar, Leduc, Mundare and Chipman.

The event turned out very successfully and the purpose it was to serve was well accomplished. I will discuss this matter later.

When we arrived on that memorable day, we were greeted with a welcoming smile and a let's get-acquainted attitude. The friendliness, co-operation and brotherhood that was displayed, was simply wonderful. That is something that we, the Catholic Youth, should be proud of.

Shortly after everyone arrived the social committee in charge had some games and dances arranged which were meant to have everybody get acquainted with each other. I might make mention that the committee in charge, which seemed to consist of the entire Chipman U.C.Y., really had the evening well planned. There was never a dull moment.

At about 4:30 p.m. everyone present gathered at the local church, where we attended Moleben Mass.

Following Moleben we returned to the hall, where a large banquet was ready for us. After the hardy, and I do mean hardy meal, Father Kushko welcomed all the guest clubs to the banquet. The president of the Chipman U.C.Y., Miss Dziaba, also extended greetings to everyone present. In turn, Harry Pihonsky of Thorsby and Anne Kostiuk of Mundare offered many thanks on behalf of their respective clubs. Mr. Caruk also gave us a very interesting briefing on the U.C.Y.O. as a national organization.

After the wonderful meal, we all went back upstairs where further entertainment had been planned. The evening drew to a close with a general sing-song, in which everyone took part.

The purpose of this get-together was to promote youth in organizations such as the U.C.Y.O. It is quite obvious that the occasion lived up to all expectations. The friendliness and co-operation displayed by all was really praiseworthy. It is these things that make a club interesting and tend to hold it together. An interesting organization is definitely a strong organization.

Special mention should be made here of three other individuals who spared nothing in donating their time and talent towards making the evening successful. Many thanks to Brother Augustine, Father Lysak and Father Kushko. May God's blessings upon you be unlimited.

Let us remember that working with God makes everything possible. If we do that, all our undertakings in the future are bound to be a success.

Harry Pihonsky, Thorsby.

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